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REPORT To Our Readers - Owners

LABOR FICTION

Eugene De Grazia, member of the Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, introduced a resolution at the Illinois State Federation of Labor convention recently calling attention to the lack of short stories and novels dealing with labor union activities. The resolution proposed:

"... That to remedy this shortage of labor fiction, the Illinois State Federation of Labor offer encouragement by sponsoring a contest for the best short stories which reflect the role organized labor is playing in the average working-man's life. These short stories can then be produced and televised in every home in America."

De Grazia also asked that the resolution be sent to the AFL-CIO executive council for its support.

Al Toffler, a writer for *Labor Daily*, comments approvingly and says that unions "must become an ideological as well as an economic factor," and that "a nation's thinking is conditioned by its artists, writers, and actors."

THE MOVIE ADS

Certainly Brother De Grazia's idea should not be opposed, but if it is adopted it should be realized that it isn't going to bring returns rapidly. The short stories which are to be encouraged are going to have to be pretty attention - catching to get the minds of our people off what Toffler calls "television's not entirely innocent inanities and the fabulous distortions of reality by press, radio, and Hollywood." For many of our labor people deeply love those not entirely innocent inanities and those fabulous distortions of reality.

Look at the movie ads in the daily press. There is only one angle that is played up in those ads. The writers of those ads doubtless know what will draw the crowd, and don't forget that a very large proportion of that crowd is made up of our own labor people. Actually most movies are not half so vulgar, so lewd, as the ads make them out. But the important thing to note is that the ad writer knows that it is the appeal of the vulgar, the lewd, which will draw the crowd - and our people are part of that crowd.

WHY DENY IT?

Why deny, either that a great many labor people are much more interested in buying guides to how to bet on the horse races than they are in supporting their own press?

We assume, however, that Brother De Grazia is aware of all this, and that it makes him feel all the more that a start has to be made somewhere in getting not only the general public, but our own labor folk, interested in something better than the trash that is now guzzled avidly in millions of homes.

More power to him and his project!

\$1 Hour Minimum

ALBANY, N. Y. (AFLCIO) — Gov. Averell Harriman has announced that Industrial Commissioner Isador Lubin received recommendations from the state retail trade minimum wage board for an increase in minimum standards from 75 cents to \$1 an hour. This is the highest minimum ever suggested for workers covered by the state minimum wage law.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

AUTO MACHINISTS 1546
STEAMFITTERS 342
PAINTERS DISTRICT
COUNCIL NO. 16
PAINTERS 40
HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178
CEMENT MASONS 594
HAYWARD CULINARY 823

Milk Drivers 302 Achieving Reform In Benefits Case

Jeffery Cohelan, secretary-treasurer, Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union, received word this week that Attorney General Brown will not appeal from the September 27 decision of Superior Judge James H. Oakley in Sacramento.

Judge Oakley's decision was on the case of a man denied disability insurance benefits on the ground that his mental illness was due to the excessive use of alcohol.

Judge Oakley, after analyzing the language of the State law, held:

"The court feels obliged to fall back upon the proposition that it must be assumed the Legislature intended what it said, and if it should develop that hospital patients who have gone beyond the dipsomaniac stage to further mental deterioration resulting in their commitment as mentally ill ought to be denied the benefits of the unemployment insurance provisions, then it can be expected that the Legislature will so decree."

At the time Judge Oakley made his decision there were some twenty other cases before the Department of Employment or the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board awaiting the determination of the issue the Judge was considering. One of these cases was that of a member of Local 302 in which Cohelan had long been interested in an effort to get disability insurance for him to help him get back on his feet and into normal life again.

Cohelan reported on the case several times to the Central Labor Council, and Local 302 backed him up in presenting two resolutions on the general issue at the last convention of the State Federation of Labor. Both of these resolutions were adopted by the convention as submitted.

Cohelan believes that the administrators of the Disability Insurance Act should not be permitted to make arbitrary value judgments about mental illness even though such mental illness of a man or woman may have been caused by alcohol.

Since the Attorney General's office has decided not to appeal the decision in the Sacramento Superior Court the State is reversing policy and is beginning to make payments in such cases, Cohelan has been assured.

The case of the member of Local 302, after the man had been denied disability insurance, was appealed by the union to the Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board with the request that the board hold the case on its calendar pending the settlement of the Sacramento case.

The basic contention of Cohelan and the union is that a worker who contracts mental illness, for whatever reason, is disabled, and is entitled to disability insurance just like any other disabled person. In his reports to the Central Labor Council on the case Cohelan has argued that there is really no disabled worker who needs more financial help and sympathetic understanding than one who has suffered a mental illness. Many of these people, he says, if given proper treatment and an opportunity, do get rehabilitated and become useful citizens again.

Gasparilla Day

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — Machinists' union officials dug into the reference books when IAM Local 108 in Tampa, Fla., proudly reported it had negotiated Gasparilla Day as a paid holiday in a contract with General Cable Corp.

Here's what they found: The day is a Spanish festival occasion similar to Mardi Gras, celebrated in February and taking its name from Jose Gaspar, a Spanish pirate.

No such research was necessary for the IAM to learn that during the past year five additional paid holidays in the line construction field bringing the total to 11 were gained.

ASK PHONE PEOPLE IF THEY BELONG TO UNION!

"In our endeavor to use only union made products and union labor, let's not overlook the Telephone Company," members of the AFL-CIO Communications Workers of America suggest.

"When the repairman or installer visits your home, ask to see his Union Card before permitting him to install or service your phone."

"When you place that long distance call, ask the operator if she is a member of the Union. If not, ask for the 'Supervisor' and insist that your call be handled by a Union Operator."

BTC Enjoys Visit Of Bryan Deavers, State BTC's Chief

At the last meeting of the Building Trades Council held prior to Election Day, Bryan Deavers, president of the State BTC, discussed the election campaign.

Deavers pointed out what he felt were some of the major differences between the two major parties at the present time, so far as labor is concerned. He said that he had carefully studied the platforms of the two parties.

The Democrats, he said, were flatly for the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, but the Republicans merely promised amendments. Labor should not forget that the Republicans had made these promises before.

On the strength of these promises, the late Martin P. Durkin, one of the finest labor men in the country, accepted the post of Secretary of Labor and went to work immediately preparing amendments. He had the assistance in this of Lloyd Mashburn, who took leave from the secretaryship of the Los Angeles BTC to become Under-Secretary of Labor.

Durkin and Mashburn believed, said Deavers, that General Ike was really for the amendments, but when the time came the General side-stepped. Mashburn quit the Government and went back to his work in Los Angeles, and Durkin quite the Cabinet of millionaires and died shortly thereafter.

Some people believe, said Deavers, that the frustration experienced by Durkin contributed to his death, that he died of fear of what would happen to the country in the hands of such men.

Deavers called attention to the importance of Proposition 10, enabling the State to draw on architects and engineers outside of the civil service to expedite construction work.

Deavers said that the State BTC is developing an increasing number of affiliates, and the locals seem well pleased with the effort that is being made to have building tradesmen all over the State well informed as to what is going on in California as a whole.

Chauffeurs Plan Class in Speaking

Walter B. Bass, secretary-treasurer, Chauffeurs 923, in a letter to the membership of that union says:

"We would like to announce that we have made arrangements with Mrs. Martha Hood to conduct self-expression classes in our union hall. Good self-expression is a stepping stone to success. Truly, every time one speaks he sells himself through his ability or lack of ability to communicate with his fellow man. We have had two members take Mrs. Hood's course and you can see the improvement in them."

"We would like all who are interested in learning to talk properly at meetings and other places to get in touch with us by November 12. How about helping yourself and your union by joining the class?"

The class starts at 7:30 p.m. November 14, at the union hall, 3868 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland.

Aaron Stewart Is Regional Director For Sheet Metal

Aaron Stewart, financial secretary and business representative of Sheet Metal Workers 355 since 1948, has been appointed regional director for the Sheet Metal Workers International Union in the 11 Western States.

Stewart is taking leave of absence as head business representative for Local 355, but will retain the office of financial secretary. For the time being he will have his desk as regional director in the Local 355 office, but expects to have a nearby separate office in the near future.

Stewart will have assistants in five cities: Oakland, Portland, Seattle, Los Angeles, and Salt Lake. Chris Radovan of Sheet Metal Workers 217, the railroad local of the union, will be his assistant in Oakland.

Stewart is a charter member of Local 355, which was organized in 1937.

The States in Stewart's territory are: New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, California, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

It is expected that he will have to do a good deal of traveling in his new job, and he confesses that he is studying the art of living in a suitcase.

John J. Sweeney, Teamster Leader, Passes Suddenly

John Joseph Sweeney, secretary of the Western Conference of Teamsters, a native of Oakland and formerly active in the labor movement here, died suddenly at Palm Springs Friday of last week at the age of 48.

Sweeney was found dead in his room at the hotel by President Frank Brewster of the Western Conference.

Sweeney became secretary of the conference in 1954 following the sudden death of Gordon Lindsay. Sweeney commenced his labor career by organizing the AFL Dried Fruit & Nut Packers Union, of which he became an officer, later becoming a general organizer for the AFL, then acting director of the AFL Western Region while Dan Flanagan served with the Federal Defense Production Division in Washington. In 1952 he became international organizer for the Teamsters in Oregon.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Marie, a 10-year-old son, John J. Sweeney Jr., and by brothers and sisters as follows: Mrs. Ann Kennedy, Sister Mary Veronica Rose of the Holy Names, Mrs. Margaret Gardner, and James and Frank Sweeney.

Funeral services were held Wednesday from the Chapel of the Oaks, 3007 Telegraph Avenue, thence to St. Leo's Church where a requiem high mass was offered.

Friends are making donations for a John J. Sweeney window in the new chapel, College of the Holy Names.

The Central Labor Council adjourned Monday night with a moment of silent tribute to the memory of one who has long been a delegate to the council.

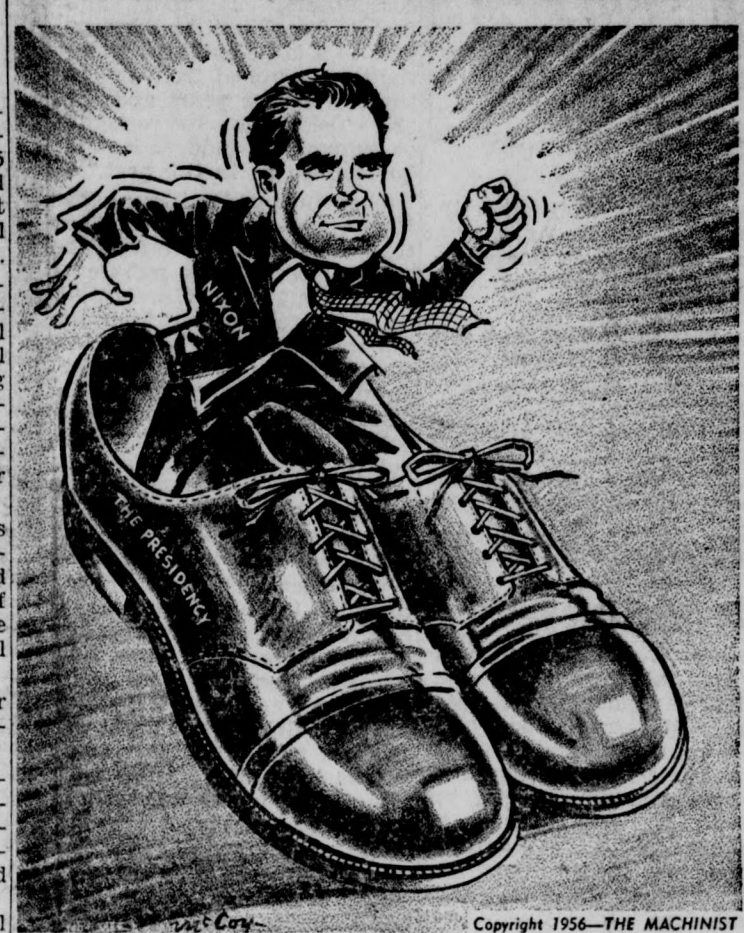
STRIKE ACTIVITY in California during the first nine months of 1956 was less than during the same period in 1955 and only slightly above the 1954 level, which was a post-war low. Ernest B. Webb, California Director of Industrial Relations, announces.

NO MEETING OF CLC MONDAY, BTC MEETS 20th

There will be no meeting of the Central Labor Council this coming Monday, as it will be observed as Veterans Day holiday.

The next meeting of the Building Trades Council will be held November 20. Ordinarily one would have been held November 6, but it was canceled because that was Election Day.

The Winnah!



OUR WINNERS!



Cancer Film Free November 14 & 15 Ash Knew Whether Voters Did or Not

Ed Merritt of Automotive Machinists 1546, AFL representative on the educational committee of the Alameda county branch, American Cancer Society, announces that a half-hour film, "146,000 Could Live," will be shown free in 10 school buildings during Wednesday and Thursday, November 14 and 15.

The film, free to both men and women, will be shown with a physician present to answer any questions the audience may raise.

Wednesday, November 14, at 8 p.m., the film will be shown at the following schools:

Havenscourt Junior High, 1390 - 66th Avenue, Oakland, Garfield Junior High, Rose and Josephine, Berkeley, Willard Junior High, Telegraph and Ward, Berkeley, Markham School, 6th and Ward, Hayward.

San Lorenzo High, Lewellyn and Ashland, San Lorenzo.

Thursday, November 15, at 8 p.m., the film will be shown at the following:

Haight School, 2025 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, Westlake Junior High, 2629 Harrison Street, Oakland, McClymonds High, 2607 Myrtle Street, Oakland, Bancroft Junior High, 1250 Bancroft Street, San Leandro, Washington Union High, Fremont (Centerville).

Merritt is distributing tickets at the Labor Temple by way of reminders, but stresses the fact that tickets are not needed, that anyone can see the film free.

RANDOLPH MERIWETHER, active for 30 years in the Marine Engineers, died recently in San Francisco at the age of 67. The funeral was held Wednesday.

Labor-Backed Rapid Transit Is Adopted by Big Majority

In spite of a Republican landslide which swept many labor-backed candidates out into the far blue yonder along with Adlai Stevenson and Estes Kefauver, two of Alameda county labor's important candidates pushed their way to victory in the election Tuesday.

Congressman George P. Miller won reelection in the 8th District, and in the 14th Assembly District Robert W. Crown was elected.

The loss of Miller would have been considered a very serious blow to labor.

The triumph of Crown, while it had been fairly confidently expected in view of the great run he made two years before, was accounted very good news indeed in view of the heavy Republican majorities in so many contests.

Two of the great disappointments were the defeat of State Senator Richard Richards by U. S. Senator Thomas H. Kuchel, and the loss of Dr. Laurence L. Cross' gallant fight to replace Congressman John J. Allen Jr. in the 7th Congressional District.

Much of local labor's effort had been put into these two struggles.

On the national level, it became obvious early Tuesday evening as the returns rolled in that once again Adlai Stevenson, labor's candidate for President, had gone down to defeat.

At 1:25 Wednesday morning Stevenson conceded his defeat, wiring General Eisenhower that "you have won not only the election, but also an expression of the great confidence of the American people."

The defeated candidate told a group of his campaign workers in the Chicago headquarters:

"Be of good cheer and remember, my dear friends, what a wise man said - 'A merry heart doeth good like medicine but a broken spirit dryeth the bones.'"

The quotation is from the Book of Proverbs in the Bible. With 1633 of the 1974 precincts in Alameda county reported, Crown had 19,908 votes, and his opponent Frank C. Langumier 14,185.

In the 15th Assembly District, where the Alameda County Voters League-AFL had made no recommendation, and where neither of the battle, Speaker Luther H. Lincoln won 25,219 votes defeated Robert B. River, who had 20,812 votes.

In the 16th Assembly District labor's candidate, William M. Freeborn, getting 10,762 votes, was defeated by the incumbent, Assemblyman Walter I. Dahl, who got 24,423.

In the 18th Assembly District labor's candidate, Dr. James G. Whitney with 11,947 votes, was defeated by the incumbent, Assemblyman Thomas W. Caldecott, who got 16,501.

As a result of Crown winning this election, labor-endorsed candidates now hold three of the six Assembly seats in Alameda county, since Carlos Bee in the 13th and Byron Rumford in the 17th had won in the primary election.

Superior Judge James G. Quinn, endorsed by labor, got 11,922 votes, but was defeated by Folger Emerson, who got 141,955.

The labor-endorsed candidate in the 5th Supervisorial District, Dr. Boliver B. Moore, was defeated, getting 21,724 votes to the 31,130 polled by the incumbent, Supervisor Emanuel P. Razeto.

An important victory for labor was the adoption of the Alameda - Contra Costa Rapid Transit District, which many labor people had feared would be defeated. This, which was Proposition A on the ballot, carried by the smashing vote of 164,312 to 42,568.

However, in the race for places on the board of directors of the Rapid Transit District, labor candidates didn't do so well.

Labor had endorsed Clair W. MacLeod, former mayor of Piedmont, and J. L. Childers, BTC business representative, for the two directors at large. MacLeod won a place, but Childers was crowded out by Robert M. Copeland.

Nor did labor-endorsed can-

didates win in any of the four wards from which directors were elected in Alameda county for the Transit District board.

In Ward 2 labor - endorsed John A. Foley lost to J. H. Arnold.

In Ward 3 labor - endorsed Robert H. Kroninger lost to John McDonnell.

In Ward 4 labor - endorsed Frederick Dubovsky lost to William J. Bettencourt.

In Ward 5 labor - endorsed James W. Curry, business representative of the Millwrights, lost to Paul E. Deadrich.

State Proposition No. 4, the oil measure which Whitaker & Baxter were managing for "the billionaires against the millionaires," as one phrasemaker put it during the campaign, was heavily defeated. Organized labor had opposed the measure.

Hearing Scheduled On Eden Hospital Tuesday, Nov. 13th

Assemblyman Rex M. Cunningham, chairman of the Subcommittee on District Hospitals of the Assembly Interim Committee on Public Health, announces a hearing on the Eden Township hospital to be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, November 13, in the auditorium of the Hayward Veterans Memorial building, 737 Main Street.

"It would be appreciated if persons wishing to testify at the hearing would contact the executive secretary either by mail or phone at the earliest possible time," adds Cunningham.

The executive secretary is Miss Diana Clarkson, Room 413, Earl Warren Hall, University of California campus, Berkeley 4, telephone CT Hornwall 1-1828.

Organized labor in the southern end of Alameda county has been concerned for some time with the way Eden Township hospital, established largely through labor's efforts, has been managed.

Assemblyman Cunningham puts it in his announcement: "The hearing has been called at the suggestion of interested citizens and organizations in Eden Township Hospital District and the board of directors of the district to discuss the operations of the hospital and its relations with and responsibilities to the community."

Labor people say that the board of directors of the hospital showed no interest in having a hearing until they learned that Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash at the request of the people in the southern end of the county, had got a hearing arranged for through correspondence with Assemblyman Byron Rumford, chairman of the interim committee.

Then the board of directors, labor people claim, rushed in and asked for the hearing also.

Labor Wins Some In Contra Costa

In Contra Costa county labor - endorsed State Senator George Miller, with 131 precincts not yet heard from, had scored 47,611 votes against his opponent Jack Pedder, who got 26,776.

Labor-endorsed Assemblyman Donald D. Doyle in the 10th District had scored 46,530 votes to the 27,377 gained by his opponent, R. M. Koch.

The biggest sensation of the campaign in that county, however, was the close race between Congressman John F. Baldwin Jr. in the 6th District, and labor-endorsed H. Roberts Quinney. This would not be settled until the last figure was in.

Complete figures showed that labor-endorsed Supervisor Jacob Frederickson in District 5 had been ousted by Joe S. Silva.

HOW TO BUY

Food Legends, Fears, Half-Truths
By SIDNEY MARGOLIS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Judging from the letters this department received after its recent criticism of high-priced vitamins, America's families are deeply worried about the nutritional quality of modern foods, and possible injury to health from chemical additives used in processed foods, certain types of cooking vessels, etc.

Many of the food fears that plague people are simply inaccuracies or at best partial truths spread by sellers of various products who stand to gain from frightening people into buying their particular vitamin products, cooking utensils or "health" food.

Some questions, notably the problem of chemical additives and insecticide residues, may be of more legitimate concern, especially since our chief safeguard is the seriously understaffed Federal Food and Drug Administration administering a food and drug law which has noticeable loopholes.

But many food fears spread by sellers can be answered with factual information from authoritative sources.

For example, reader F. D. F. writes: "I was visited by a food-supplement salesman who used the arguments reported by you. He supported his claims with government reports on poor soil, cooking of foods, storage, organic vs. inorganic, etc. His arguments sounded good. However, I couldn't see spending \$20 a month on a vitamin. Can we get all we need out of foods?"

Similarly, reader H. D. R. writes: "Since you have cautioned us about products of this nature (vitamin supplements), sold door to door, are we to assume that none of them are beneficial?"

Here are answers to these and other fears and questions often expressed about foods:

Vitamin Supplements: Our previous report did not say that vitamins or food supplements are not beneficial, but merely that the average person eating a balanced diet does not require them, according to medical and nutritional authorities. Your need for additional vitamins should be determined by your physician or health clinic.

We also criticized what seems to us to be the high price of \$19.50 for a month's supply of such vitamin supplements as Nutrilite, sold house to house by a chain of canvassers with no authoritative medical or pharmaceutical training in diagnosing illness or prescribing vitamins.

If your physician does consider you need a vitamin supplement or a specific vitamin, you can shop for the lowest-priced product sold in interstate commerce and meeting "USP" standards as labeled on the bottle. We listed a number of reasonably priced sources for vitamin preparations such as Celco, the drug cooperative; the private brands of large department stores and mail order houses, etc.

Food Preparation: Yes, it is true, as some of the fear peddlers tell you, that some of the nutritional value of our foods may be lost because of improper cooking methods in the home. But the answer is not to spend \$20 a month or even less for a vitamin supplement, but to use cooking methods that will conserve vitamin values. Here are the most important:

1—Avoid preparing foods far in advance of meals.

2—Cook foods in as little water as possible, and as quickly as possible.

3—Another nourishment-saving policy is to cook until foods are just tender, but no longer.

HIGH SCHOOL and college text books are gradually doing a more fair job in presenting the story of labor's contribution to America, John D. Connors, director of the AFL-CIO Department of Education reported.

Connors said that the most objective presentation was being made in the college text books.

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Bible Automated
Believe it or not, automation has taken over the Bible. "Univac," which has increasingly, with its fabulous electronic brothers, replaced clerical workers in insurance offices, the government, and big business, is now taking the drudgery out of an enormous task which in the past has taken years in the lives of Bible scholars.

According to an article in the National Council of Churches' Information Service bulletin, a new Concordance of the Revised Standard Version will make its bow in February.

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Party-Line 'News' Service Dies With Snarl on Its Lips

The Daily Peoples World of November 1 carried a statement by Federated Press that it, Federated Press, "is temporarily suspending its daily news service and weekly mail service, effective November 1."

Federated Press, says the statement, was launched in 1919 "as a cooperatively owned news service to supply labor papers and other publications with significant news but without the capitalist slant in the then existing news services. The first FP releases were sent out January 2, 1920, and have been maintained on a daily basis ever since."

The statement refers slightly to the long campaign of the AFL and later of the AFL-CIO against the slant of the Federated Press, declaring that while the FP "survived wars and depressions and also its competitors," it "now must face the reality that labor papers to a large extent are more tightly controlled from the top than in earlier years." But "FP's field is now too restricted to support an independent labor service as in the past."

The editor of East Bay Labor Journal comments on this statement that so far as he knows labor papers representing legitimate labor unions are no more "controlled from the top" than in earlier years. But what has happened is that more and more labor editors discovered the angle that Federated Press was following, and quit subscribing to the service.

One of the first actions of the editor of East Bay Labor Journal when he took the post 10 years ago was, in cooperation with General Manager Joe W. Chaudet, to quit subscribing to Federated Press. The editor and the manager went over some releases from FP and were downright amused at the way the party line showed up. It was as plain as the Mordav morning washline of a family with 15 children all of whose duds are washed at once.

A little later, at the San Francisco convention of AFL editors from all over the U. S. and Canada, the editor served on a committee which went into the Federated Press question, and drew up a resolution, adopted by the convention, condemning FP as a fraud being put over on people who hadn't waked up yet to what was going on. But there was no "control from the top." Actually, for a long time the FP manager kept its foothold in labor papers run by good men who still hadn't waked up.

A little while ago the American Labor Party, so-called—though where it got that word "American" was always hard to figure out!—gave up the ghost in New York. Now the Federated Press has died. And the Daily Peoples World is giving forth hints that it may become the Weekly Peoples World. One might even mention the fact that Poland, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, and way stations are getting a little tired, too.

LADIES' GARMENT WORKERS are making \$20 million in union funds available for investment in Veterans Administration guaranteed mortgage loans on new single homes up to a maximum of \$12,500. Pres. David Dubinsky has announced.

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Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

A CENTURY AGO, or even less, the average working man toiled from dawn till dark for a living which gave him, for the most part, the bare necessities of life.

Reformers of that day, which included the early organizers of unions, contended that men could not be much more than brutes until they had ample food for their bodies and leisure in which to cultivate their souls.

Today, the average man has wages, working conditions and leisure beyond the dreams of even the dreamers of that day. He certainly is "better off," as we say, but is he a better man?

That is a question much debated by teachers, writers, preachers, and all serious-minded citizens interested in improving the human race.

Pessimists say man is not better, but much, much worse. They cite the increase in crime, the worship of material things, of creature comforts. They note the fact that many men use their leisure to take extra jobs, so that they may have that second car, a new television, or some other gadget.

Even the most optimistic must concede that many statistics are against them. But they have some statistics on their side.

They can cite greater church membership and church attendance, in proportion to population, than this country has ever seen. And if asked why this does not result in higher moral standards they can answer that given time, it will.

As to the use of leisure, it is true that the majority perhaps do not use it to improve their minds and souls.

At the same time there is tremendous interest in education for adults whose school-days are far behind. At some high schools, the night enrollment far exceeds regular day-time enrollment of high-school-age youngsters.

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State Apprentice Council Considers Atomics' Effects

The California Apprenticeship Council held its regular quarterly meeting in the Senator Hotel, Sacramento, October 26, 26 and 27th. Arrangements for the three day session was made for the Sacramento Over-all Joint Apprenticeship Committee by the composed local JACS.

The chairman of the council is Robert F. Girard, director of apprentice training for the California Metal Trades Association. Girard is a member of several Joint Apprenticeship Committees which meet in Oakland. Other Bay Area members of the council present were L. A. Ireland, manager, San Francisco Printing Trades Conference and Wm. P. Kelly, coordinator for the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters. E. H. Vernon of Oakland, representing the International Association of Machinists, was excused because of other urgent business.

Thirteen of the sixteen council members were present. The council, as constituted, is now composed of six employer and six employee representatives from various industries in geographical areas, two publicity representatives and two ex-officio members.

Charles F. Hanna, Chief of the Division of Apprenticeship Standards is Council Secretary.

Sub-committees of the council reported on several important studies including: effects on apprenticeship of atomic energy; career opportunities for youth in apprenticeship; industrial accidents to minor apprentices; effect of apprenticeship on automation; effect on apprenticeship "in mass production" in building and construction trades; revision of the State trade certificate, labor standards, rules and regulations of the council and other topics.

Maurice I. Gershenson, Chief, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, presented a special study on types of industrial accidents in which apprentices are involved, pointing out the need to increase the safety training for apprentices.

Of special concern to the Council was the problem of the minor apprentice involved in an industrial accident who might be refused medical attention by the hospital until the parents' consent is gained. One possible solution being considered by the council is to request the parent at the time of signing the apprentice agreement to consent in advance to medical attention in case of industrial accident.

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To The Ladies FROM THE EDITOR

CHARLES E. MERRILL, who died early in October at the age of 80, was a very interesting man, a very successful man, working his way up to a high place in the financial world. He was the founder of a great brokerage house, and was so observant that he knew trouble was coming in 1929 when practically all the rest of Wall Street crowd went booming along; so he pulled his clients through the crash with relatively small losses.

Merrill was considered the creator of the Safeway chain of stores and he was a pioneer in the working out of ways for the small investor to put his money into stocks. The filing of his will, with its great range of bequests to educational and charitable institutions, showed that he was a man of generous sympathies.

HIS BIOGRAPHY, read in a long newspaper column, seemed to be that of a man successful in every way—until the last few paragraphs were reached. These paragraphs gave, without details, the list of his divorces. Only three of them, and some of our magnates have far exceeded that number. Still, one couldn't help but feel that somehow there was a cloud left over the picture.

Each of the three marriages lasted a fair number of years, but each ended in court.

LOT OF FUN to build up a great brokerage house, to establish a big chain of stores, to win the confidence of small investors, and to have such sound judgment that you can take your clients through the crash.

But it's a lot of fun, too, and a sign of success, to be Mr. John Doe, maybe just living on your social security money in your old age, and to be a picture in the paper captioned "Mr. and Mrs. John Doe Celebrate Their Golden Wedding."

AFLCIO Badges
WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — Sample organizing badges have been sent to presidents of AFL-CIO affiliated unions by Organizing Director John W. Livingston. The badges are red, white and blue in color with the messages "Join Today" and "Together for Your Security."

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Steamfitters: Skill Meeting Nov. 20

By JIM MARTIN

The skilled improvement committee requests that members of Local No. 342, living in Martinez, Walnut Creek, Concord, Pleasant Hill, Antioch, Lafayette, Danville and Pittsburg, interested in the future advancement of the journeyman training program, attend a meeting to be held Tuesday, November 20, 1956 at 8:00 p.m. at the East Campus, Contra Costa Jr. College, Building 12, Golf Links Road, Concord. The campus is located about one mile south of Pacheco or two miles north of the Monument.

The intent of this meeting is to have an informal discussion with the committee with the thought in mind that suggestions you offer may improve their present program. The skilled improvement committee would appreciate your cooperation and assistance in making this meeting a success.

The resolution pertaining to increasing the dues was adopted at our last membership meeting, therefore, effective January 1, 1957, the following will prevail:

Classifications	Dues Per Month	West Coast Life Insurance	Total
Journeyman, Bldg. Trades	\$8.00	\$1.00	\$9.00
Journeyman, Metal Trades	6.25	1.00	7.25
Apprentices	6.25	1.00	7.25
Inactive Members	2.50	1.00	3.50
Overseas Members	2.50		2.50

The West Coast Life Insurance does not apply out of the United States.

Business Representative Jim D'Donnell has been moved back to Kaiser Foundation hospital, however, he has shown improvement the past few weeks.

Jack Hayes is in the Peralta hospital with a lung ailment but will be going home in the near future.

The officers and members send Jim and Jack their best

Carpenter Ladies Ham Dinner Nov. 9

By WAVA M. BARBER
Press Correspondent

Ham Dinner, November 9, 1956, 6:30 P.M. Reservations—Phone LA. 2-8872. The dinner will be held in the Banquet Room, Carpenters' Hall, 761 12th Street, Oakland. The Ladies Auxiliary No. 160 are sponsoring the dinner. Price is \$1.50 per person—75¢ for children.

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OFFICIAL NOTICES

To All Shop Stewards of East Bay Automotive Machinists Lodge 1546

You are herewith officially notified that the shop stewards meeting of Lodge 1546 will meet in regular session, Tuesday, November 13, 1956, at the hour of 7:30 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Refer to bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple for meeting hall.

Fraternally yours,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

Steamfitters Union, Local 342

Our union's off-year election of officers for the years 1957-58 will be held on December 9, 1956.

The first reading of registrants was on November 1, 1956.

Registrations were closed on November 8.

The second reading of registrants will be on November 15.

Sunday, December 9, 1956 will be a Special Called meeting.

Fraternally Yours,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y, Bus. Mgr.
Steamfitters Union No. 342

Attention!

Painters of District Council No. 16

As has been reported to you at your Local Union Meetings and in a notice sent out by the Berkeley Local Union No. 40, the Boy Scout Headquarters in Oakland and the Scout Camp at Los Mochos are in need of a paint job.

Those of you who have boys in Scouting should get out and help with this worthwhile job to keep up the facilities used by your sons. Any painter will be welcomed as the more help we have, the easier the job.

CONTACT YOUR RESPECTIVE LOCAL UNIONS, and leave your name. A date will be set as soon as possible.

Fraternally yours,
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF PAINTERS No. 16
FLOYD PEASLEE,
Executive Secretary

Painters No. 40

The Boy Scout headquarters in Oakland and the Scout Camp at Los Mochos are in need of a paint job before the rains begin. Since there have been no funds available for this work, Mr. Beniss, Oakland Scout Commissioner, has requested the fathers who have sons in Scouting and can paint, to donate a day or two of their time to paint these buildings. This request has been recommended to the local unions by District Council of Painters No. 16, so if those members of Local No. 40 who are willing to donate their time will contact their office, we will make arrangements for this work to be done.

Fraternally yours,
BEN RASNICK,
Recording Secretary

Hayward Painters 1178

Friday November 16 is the date of our next regular meeting. You never can tell what subject of interest may come up on any meeting. This occurs at many meetings. We'll see you at that date, maybe?

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Cement Masons 594

The next regular meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, November 15, at 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland. It will be a special meeting, the special order of business being to elect a member to an elective office.

Yours fraternally,
M. B. DILLASHAW,
Secretary

Hayward Culinary Workers and Bartenders 823

The regular meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 13, at 2:30 p.m. at the headquarters of Local 823.

The Tuesday, November 20 meeting at 8 p.m. at the headquarters of Local 823, will be held for the purpose of the installation of officers. There will be a social after the installation, with dancing and light refreshments.

Yours fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

Meany Backs Poles

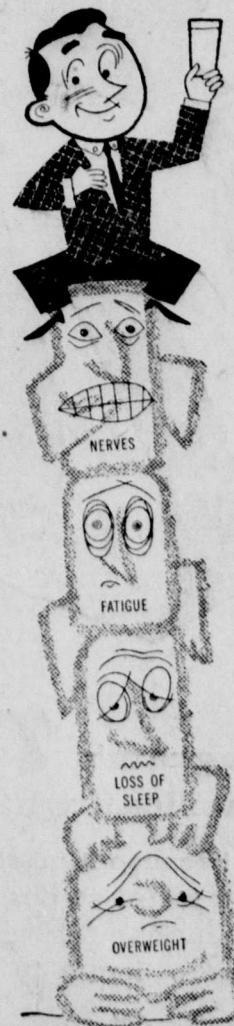
WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — AFL - CIO President George Meany called on the democratic nations of the world to exert pressure for free elections in Poland that will allow Polish people to establish a sovereign government of their own choice.

Hailing the resurgence of the forces of freedom in Poland, Meany also urged the United Nations to obtain a pledge from the Soviet Union not to resort to military threats or aggression against Poland nor to interfere in its internal affairs and new policies.

John Baer Honored

HOLLYWOOD (AFLCIO) — The executive board of the Motion Picture Screen Cartoonists, Local 839, IATSE, has extended an honorary lifetime membership in the local to John M. Baer, dean of American cartoonists for the past half century.

"It is a great honor for the cartoonists in the motion picture and television industry to welcome Mr. Baer into our organization as his artistic talents have been an inspiration to the cartoonists in our field," Don Hillary, Local 839 business representative, said.



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Watchmaker Pact On Health Studied

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

Leonard H. Martinson, one of the charter members of the union retired from the trade last week after serving twenty-two years with Granat Bros. Granat Bros. presented him with a Hamilton watch for his twenty-two years of faithful service. The boys presented him with an electric shaver.

Brother Martinson intends to travel during his early retirement.

We are in the process of negotiating with the insurance company, and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Service, as well as, California Physicians Service (Blue Shield) and Blue Cross, inasmuch as our present contract for Health and Welfare expires on November 30th.

At this time we have no idea what the different plans have to offer. We can say, however, that insurance costs have risen considerably over the last year. We will report on these negotiations later.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The Executive Board will meet on Thursday, November 15th at 7 p.m.—Union Office.

Contract License Board Men Named

Governor Goodwin J. Knight has announced the appointment of Lee E. Singleton, Sr., of San Diego, and the reappointment of H. Cedric Roberts, of Burbank, as members of the Contractors' State License Board, for terms ending January 15, 1960.

Singleton, a painting contractor, and active in construction industry circles for many years, succeeds Jess B. Worthington of San Diego, whose term has expired.

Roberts, a general building contractor, was first appointed to the Board in July, 1944.

Full Employment Goal Not Reached

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — The AFLCIO Executive Council warned that despite a generally prosperous economy the nation is falling short of full employment and full production.

The council, in adopting a report by its Economic Policy Committee, declared that with unemployment at about 4 percent of the civilian labor force and a considerable number of chronically depressed communities and low farm income, "it is no time for complacency."

The committee's report singled out the increase in the discount rate by the Federal Reserve Board, noting that the continuous increase in interest rates discourages business, farmers and consumers from borrowing funds for new purchases of good and services "despite the fact that the national economy is operating below full employment levels."

Temple Auxiliary Has Good Meeting

By OPAL LAWRENCE
Recording Secretary

The October meeting of Labor Temple Auxiliary being past presidents night, our president, Emma Vice, opened the meeting then turned the gavel over to past president Alene Haake who filled the chair for the evening. All chairs were filled by past presidents.

Edna Patterson, past president from Grants Pass, Oregon was here for the night. It's always good to have Edna back. Come again Edna.

Our sympathy goes to past president Marge O'Donnell who has lost her grandmother and stepfather recently, also Marge's husband Jim is back in the hospital again.

Also on the sick list is our own president Emma Vice.

Gladys and Harry Lear and daughter visited son Mike in San Diego a couple of weeks back. Mike has just returned aboard the Wasp from Japan.

Past presidents held their regular monthly luncheon at the home of Elmo Stone and I understand everyone had a wonderful time as they always do.

On Saturday evening at 7:30 a whist party will be held in Hall B of the Labor Temple with the public invited.

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Printer Auxiliary To Meet Nov. 13th

By Muriel J. Pfaffenberger
Press Correspondent

Women's Auxiliary 26 Typographical 36 and Malters 18 will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, November 13, at the home of Mrs. Lucy Cushing, 454 - 59th Street, Oakland 9, telephone Olymptic 2-6819. Time: 10:30 a.m.

We are to vote on the amendments which were presented at the recent convention, at this meeting.

Mrs. Sally Wyatt, who is our Union Label chairman, was awarded first prize for her report which she sent in to the Convention. We are all very proud of our new member and of her work as Label chairman.

She is having a contest for all the members who bring in the most pieces of copy with the Label and also without the Label.

Remember this is to be held at our forthcoming meeting at Mrs. Cushing's so everyone try for a prize.

Our best wishes to our shut in members at this time.

JACOB S. POTOFSKY of the Clothing Workers, an AFL-CIO vice president, and Secretary-Treasurer Morris Iushewitz of the New York City Industrial Union Council, have been re-elected to the board of directors of the Greater New York Fund. Iushewitz was re-named to the key Committee on Fund Distribution.

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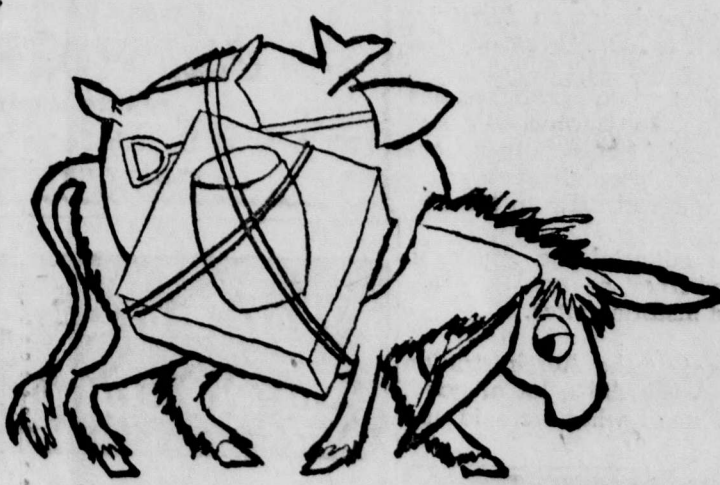
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KUCHEL BACKER SENDS LETTER

Editor, Labor Journal:

May I call your attention to the fact that this letter is being addressed to you before the outcome of the election of November 6, 1956 is known. We do not want anyone to think for one moment that the sentiments expressed below are in any way colored by the results of the final vote.

As Alameda County Chairman for U. S. Senator Thomas H. Kuchel, it was my duty to work as hard as I could with my Co-Chairman, Mr. Alan Lindsay, to re-elect the Senator. Among our efforts pointing to this hoped for result was to advertise through various media.

We chose to place large advertisements in your last four issues. The undersigned has long been a regular and satisfied advertiser in your paper. We were—and continue to be—satisfied for one reason only—it got the business.

In backing Senator Kuchel, we honestly felt that we were selling good government. We thought that if you got results in one thing—it should follow that you would get results in another. We will find out about that—come next Tuesday.

I was told by almost every one that you would not do as other papers in the custom of carrying articles about Senator Kuchel UNLESS they were to his disadvantage. I firmly disagreed with this line of thought. My contention was that you were running a newspaper given over to fair play and the full dignity of your profession.

You have proven beyond a doubt that my judgment was accurate, my confidence well and securely placed. The news-worthy stories found in your columns concerning Senator Kuchel during this campaign were in some instances favorable to him—in others—dead set against him. That is exactly the way to run a newspaper. You have put up a great fight for Senator Richard Richards. We have tried our best to help Senator Thomas H. Kuchel win. Now it is up to the people. One thing I know, you and I, as plain and proud American citizens will go along with their judgment.

Very sincerely yours,
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EDITORIALS

Hard to Laugh Off AFLCIO'S Loss on the New York Docks

The International Longshoremen's Association remains a standing monument to the confusions and cross-purposes seething within the American labor movement.

On October 17, the International Brotherhood of Longshoremen, backed officially by the AFLCIO, lost for the third time in three years its effort to supplant the old racket-ridden ILA on the New York waterfront as the bargaining agent for some 22,000 longshoremen.

While the AFLCIO was officially backing the IBL, Joe Curran of the National Maritime Union, a member of the AFLCIO executive council, came out openly for the ILA and against the challenger officially backed by the AFLCIO, and which AFLCIO President George Meany backed in a letter sent to every one of the 22,000 longshoremen. Curran insisted Meany was wrong in opposing the ILA.

Another member of the AFLCIO executive council, Dave Beck, has been encouraging the ILA for many months, as every informed student of labor affairs knows.

Feuds between top labor leaders based on ancient rivalries and the grab for more dues-paying membership underlie these differences of attitude. Curran hates Paul Hall of the Seafarers, an emotion which is heartily returned by Hall, who strongly supported the ILA's rival, Beck sees expensive opportunities in a close alliance with the dockers of the East Coast. The result of these disastrous rivalries and feuds which boiled up to the surface just before the October 17 election was the worst defeat the AFLCIO has suffered in the three years of effort to supplant the old racket-riddled outfit with a good union. The vote was 11,827 for the ILA and 7429 for the AFLCIO union.

Harry Bridges' paper, the Dispatcher, which has been honeying up to the racket outfit, trying to form an alliance with it, or absorb it, or whatever, crows over the smashing defeat of the effort to clean up the mess on the New York docks.

Meanwhile Bill Bradley, head of the triumphant ILA, strikes a pose of heroic democratic virtue, and announces that his dock gangs will handle no cargoes bound to or from Russia until Soviet troops leave Hungary.

Many of us remember how enthusiastically we applauded Meany when, as head of the old AFL, he saw to it that the rackety ILA was kicked out into the blue yonder, we have also applauded his consistent refusal to recommend taking the ILA back into the AFLCIO until it was purged of its gangsters and racketeers.

And those of us who know the whole history of this ILA remember very well that it was the rottenness of the ILA when it held the Pacific Coast jurisdiction which gave Harry Bridges his chance to break up its power out here, introduce some genuine reforms on the docks, and at the same time build up whatever it is he's building up for whom for whatever reason.

No use trying to perfume this mess. It stinks. And the defeat of October 17 was a very serious one indeed. George Meany you've got a tough job on your hands!

Were Voters Aware of These Facts?

This editorial is written before the election. Now that all publicity from all candidates has been thrown into the editor's wastebasket, since East Bay Labor Journal will not go to press again before the big day, seems a good time to draw on a distinguished historian's account of the difference between the two major political parties which faced each other in this campaign.

The distinguished historian is Alan Nevins, DeWitt Clinton Professor of History, Columbia University. Answering the New York Times' advocacy of Eisenhower and Nixon, Nevins in a letter that newspaper published October 24 pointed out that while there might be disagreement properly enough on specific issues, "what is vitally important is the attitude and spirit of the two parties, the capacity of their leaders for constructive new ideas, and the question which Administration, Republican or Democratic, would be more firmly committed to liberal measures, domestic and international."

Nevins' own opinion, stated firmly, is that "no question whatever exists as to which party, on the record made during the past generation, is more deeply imbued with a sense of our international responsibilities and of the importance of broad measures of justice and social welfare."

He then reviews that "record made during the past generation," reminding readers how Woodrow Wilson had to bring in reforms against Old Guard Republican opposition; how there ensued "eight years of Republican government, at best static and at worst reactionary," and how then "the New Deal arrived with its sweeping reforms and its imaginative construction of a new social era."

He then declares that the strength of the Eisenhower Administration lies in the fact that it has left alone in the main the reforms achieved by the New Deal, but that Eisenhower in doing this faces steady opposition from his own party.

"Moreover," says Nevins, "nothing keeps an Administration dynamic but new ideas; and it is Mr. Stevenson who shows the flair for new ideas."

Nevins concludes by declaring that while Mr. Nixon has tried to claim he is a "new" Nixon, he is obviously still afflicted with "moral obtuseness" and "is going to be engaged the next four years, if reelected, in an effort to wrest to himself Republican leadership, and will rally to his side groups of equal obtuseness."

By the time you look at this editorial the American people will have demonstrated whether or not they are aware of these facts a distinguished historian cites.

THE AFLCIO's firm stand against the Administration in the campaign which ended this week did a lot of good. The billionaires and their stooges heard what we said and will be influenced by it.

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More Training of Apprentices Here

William P. Kelly, a commissioner of the California State Apprenticeship Council, on his recent return from a trip to the Eastern part of the U. S., talked with the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters.

Kelly said that the States he visited, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and New York, have many good apprenticeship programs, but they are not so extensive as those in the Bay Area.

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A new Wage-Hour field office has been opened in Oakland.

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The Oakland field office is headed by Charles O. Atchinson.

The new office is one of the score or more of Wage-Hour field offices opened throughout the nation immediately before and since March 1, when the increased national minimum wage of \$1.00 a hour became effective under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

These offices were established to aid employers and employees affected by the Act (Federal Wage-Hour Law) and to serve as headquarters for the local staff making investigations under it.

HOURLY RATES of union construction trades workers in cities of over 100,000 population rose 13 cents in the year ended July 2, according to the Labor Dept. Journeymen's rates advanced an average of 14 cents and those for helpers and laborers moved up 13 cents.

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Beck Asks Credit Aid for Truckers

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — President Dave Beck of the Teamsters and President B. M. Seymour of Associated Transport, Inc., on behalf of the Independent Advisory Committee to the Trucking Industry, have jointly appealed to the Small Business Administration to loosen credit in the trucking industry.

"The industry, Beck said, "cannot be maintained without suitable credit facilities," adding that 97 percent of the 18,000 firms in it qualify for SBA loans. Only the "relatively tiny sum" of \$52,000 has been loaned truckers for the purchase of new equipment, he said.

"We believe that the SBA can develop a sound program of credit assistance for the trucking industry which will relieve this chronic shortage and at the same time help to preserve the present condition of widespread ownership," Beck declared.

Sen. John J. Sparkman (D., Ala.), chairman of the Senate Small Business Committee, warned that small business may see a relaxation of the Eisenhower Administration's tight money policy as one of the Republicans' campaign tactics and advised against being "taken in by election year gestures."

Alameda, Has School Finance Crisis, to Vote on Tax Rate

A special election will be held in Alameda January 22, 1957, to raise the legal tax limit for the Alameda Unified School District to \$3.40 for a period of 5 years.

The Alameda public schools, says advocates of the tax change, are facing the most serious financial crisis in their history. For the past two years the Board of Education has been concerned with the effect that rising costs and diminishing revenues are now having on the schools in Alameda.

A Citizens' Study Committee was appointed by the Board of Education to examine the financial structure of the Alameda Unified School District and to make recommendations to the Governing Board for solving the current problem. In accordance with the recommendations of this Citizens' Committee, the special election will be held.

The committee based its recommendation for the proposed increase in the tax limitation on the following facts:

1—The school district has suffered serious losses in federal and state aid amounting to approximately \$500,000 this year.

2—The present legal tax limit of \$1.65, established about 20 years ago, has never been changed despite the fact that the value of the dollar has depreciated markedly.

3—In a residential community such as Alameda, the increase in assessed valuation (the basis for raising monies for district school support) has not kept pace with rising costs.

4—The present 40¢ supplemental city tax for schools (supplemental to the present \$1.65 legal tax limit) should be included in the proposed new district legal tax limit of \$3.40 and taken off the city tax rate.

State law permits only the registered voters of a school district to increase the legal tax limit established for the maintenance and operation of the district's schools and to set the period of time for which it will apply. The proposed legal tax limit of \$3.40 would be a ceiling; under no circumstances could this rate be exceeded. The Board of Education of the school district endeavors to keep the actual tax rate as far below the legal tax limit as is consistent with a sound school program.

Financial support of any school system in the State of California is a joint responsibility shared equally by the State and local citizens. Unless district revenues for school support are increased, the present

educational program will be seriously crippled, it is contended, because:

1—Present class sizes which are already above the recommended 25-30 students per room would increase to the point where effective teaching would be impossible.

2—Many vital school services would have to be eliminated or drastically curtailed.

3—The district would be unable to attract and retain competent teachers and other personnel.

4—The school system could not provide the necessary classroom supplies.

5—It would be impossible to provide for proper upkeep of school buildings and equipment.

Citizens of Alameda are urged by the Citizens Committee to maintain an active interest in their schools, acquaint themselves with the facts behind the tax election, be sure that they are registered to vote and finally, VOTE on January 22, 1957.

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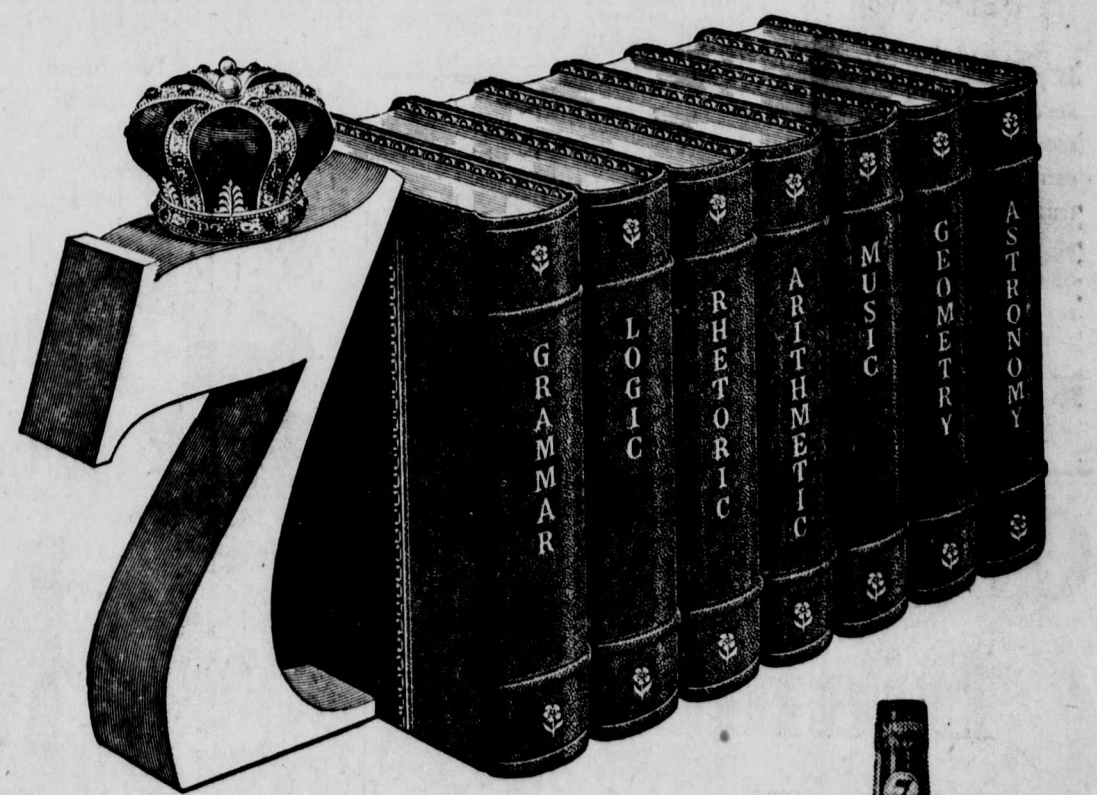
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